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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

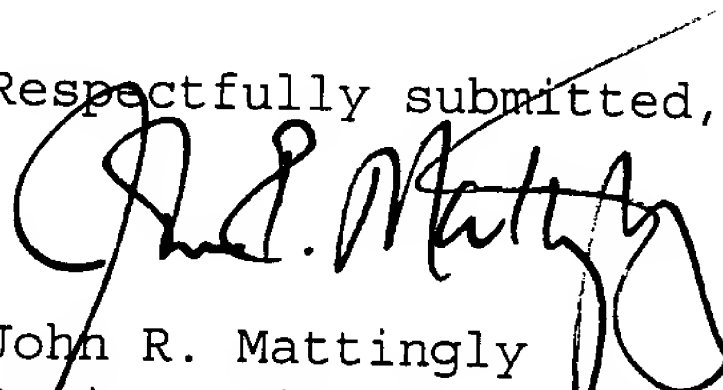
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 16, 2003, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention defined by the Examiner as claims 1-6 and 8, drawn to a method, classified in class 438, subclass 692. This election is made without traverse.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any payment due to deposit account no. 50-1417.

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